

From: John Rooney [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 November 2017 16:23
To: National Planning Framework
Subject: Drogheda and Draft NPF 2020-2040

Dear Sir/Madam

The town of Drogheda has served as the headquarters for Flogas Ireland for the past 40 years. Flogas is one of Ireland's leading suppliers of on and off-grid energy to a wide range of residential and commercial customers, supplying LPG and Natural Gas, as well as Electricity and Renewable energy to commercial customers.

On reviewing the draft National Planning Framework 2020-2040, we were very concerned to read that Drogheda has been omitted from this draft plan, which will focus 50% of strategic government expenditure on the 5 cities of Dublin, Limerick, Cork, Galway and Waterford. We believe this could have a negative effect on the town of Drogheda and by implication on the nation as a whole, given Drogheda's unique status of being Ireland's largest town and one which is close to having a city-population in the very near future.

We have always found Drogheda and its citizens to be a hugely important factor in the growth and success of Flogas over the past 40 years. Today, Flogas operates successfully in Great Britain, Sweden and Norway, where it ranks as either number 2 or number 3 player in the large LPG markets. We believe Drogheda's culture of innovation, dedication and loyalty has really helped our business to branch out to new territories and into new sectors such as Electricity and Renewable Energy. We currently employ 125 people in our Drogheda office and terminal, the majority of whom hail from the town and surrounding districts.

We genuinely believe that by excluding Drogheda from the draft National Planning Framework, Ireland's largest town will be restricted and held back from pursuing its natural desire to add significant value to the nation in the critical years ahead.

Yours faithfully

John Rooney

*Managing Director
Flogas Ireland
Matthew Lane
Drogheda
Co. Louth*



